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(8) PALESTINIANS: Possible Increase in Terrorism

The setbacks inflicted on Palestinian forces by the Israelis and the loss of southern Lebanon as an independent base of operations probably will lead to an increase in terrorist attacks by Palestinians overseas. [redacted] 25X1

Comment: Most Palestinians will consider terrorism an important way of striking back at Israel. PLO chief Arafat will have less control now over the actions of radical Palestinian elements and may even be willing to sanction terrorist attacks. [redacted] 25X1

The US and moderate Arab states may become targets. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Western Europe, where several Palestinian groups are well organized, is a likely area for such attacks. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

The moderate Arab states are concerned about Palestinian attacks against US personnel in their countries and about attacks on their own facilities. The Palestinians are bitter toward the moderate Arabs for not coming to their aid, and small radical groups may carry out attacks against installations of Persian Gulf states. [redacted] 25X1

The PLO's loss of its base of operations in southern Lebanon will put increasing pressure on the Jordanians to allow Palestinian groups to stage terrorist operations from Jordan. If the Jordanians continue to refuse, the Palestinians may find international terrorist attacks easier to stage than strikes into Israel and the occupied territories. [redacted] 25X1

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